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Re: Mayor Copenhaver's Radio Show 'Augusta Today and Tomorrow'

Mayor Copenhaver, through the generosity of Radio One, is hosting his own monthly interview show. The fourth show was taped on Tuesday after the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and will be broadcast Sunday, June 4 on:

6:00 am Magic 96.9

7:00 am Foxie 103.1

5:30 pm WTHB FM 100.9

This month's guest was Ms. Jackie Boatwright. Ms. Boatwright is a community activist and minister whose primary focus in life is helping others. Ms. Boatwright is widely known for her giving spirit and her strong support of various causes.

Several years ago, Ms. Boatwright's son Juan was in an accident in a local daycare center where he fell into a mop bucket. After her son's unfortunate accident, Ms. Boatwright was instrumental in the State of Georgia passing "Juan's Law" which requires Day Care Centers to carry liability insurance. Other states have also adopted the law and Ms. Boatwright is currently lobbying for Juan's Law to become a federal law.

During Juan's time in the hospital, Ms. Boatwright met a woman whose son was in a similar condition. "I met Erica Calloway during the initial stages of my son Juan's accident in the hospital with her son Darren, who nearly aspired after

swallowing a piece of popcorn. Ms. Calloway inspired me so much because of the unconditional love she showed for her son. What inspired me more was that she was half the woman of all of the women I know. You see, Erica has no legs and is wheelchair bound, yet she has done an amazing job with caring for Darren and raising her other two daughters.", Ms. Boatwright stated during the 30 minute interview. "Recently Erica called me in tears because she was recently informed that she has to move from the mobile home she has been living with her children within the next sixty days. Her touching statement led me to reach out and help her." With the family in a precarious financial situation, Ms. Boatwright enlisted the help of Mayor Copenhaver and Representative Quincy Murphy to host fundraiser at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 outside of Jorge's Beauty Salon located in the Kmart Plaza on Gordon Highway

During their candid conversation, Ms. Boatwright and Mayor Copenhaver discussed their shared passion not only for protecting children, but also encouraging them to follow their dreams and to take an active role in helping their community. In closing Mayor Copenhaver stated that having Ms. Boatwright as a guest was a pleasure as she is "truly an inspiration for others to follow".

For more information on how to help the Calloway family, please contact Ms. Boatwright at 404.202.5787.